REMARKS

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Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 13-16 and 18 are rejected under U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,861,608 to Koduri et al. Claims 1, 3-12, 17, and 19-22 are allowed, and claims 2, 14-16, and 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the U.S.C. 112 rejections.

Claims 14-16 are amended, and claims 2, 13, and 18 are canceled.

The rejections are respectfully traversed in light of the amendments above and the following remarks, and reconsideration is requested.

Applicants respectfully request the amendments be entered under 37 CFR 1.116 because the amendments cancel claims or comply with requirements of form set forth in the previous Office action, place the application in condition for allowance, and do not introduce new matter requiring the Examiner to perform an additional search.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 2, 13-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 2, 13, and 18 are canceled.

Claims 14-16 are amended to recite the limitations of claim 13 and the added limitation of a "SEMI" standard output wafer frame. Claims 14-16 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 14-16, which are now all independent claims, are allowable.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Koduri.

Claim 13 is canceled, thereby obviating the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowed claims 1, 3-12, 17, and 19-22, as well as allowable claims 2, 14-16, and 18.

As discussed above, claims 2 and 18 are canceled, while claims 14-16 are rewritten in independent form with the limitations of claim 13 and the addition of "SEMI" in front of "standard".

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CONCLUSION

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For the above reasons, pending claims 1, 3-12, 14-17, and 19-22 are now in condition for allowance and allowance of the application is hereby solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is hereby requested to telephone Applicants' Attorney at (949) 752-7040.

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